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1. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE
COMMISSION THAT IT DOES NOT PARTICULARLY REGRET HAVING BEEN
EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN COPENHAGEN
ON JULY 23 WHICH WILL CONSIDER US/EUROPEAN RELATIONS. THE
COMMISSION HAD EXPECTED THIS EXCLUSION, WHICH IS COMMENSURATE
WITH PREVIOUS MINISTERIAL DECISIONS OF THE NINE, AND FEELS IT
HAS NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO ACCEPT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' POSITION
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THAT NO QUESTIONS WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE ROME TREATY WILL

BE DISCUSSED. IT IS REPORTED IN THE PRESS HERE THAT ORTOLI SAID TO JOURNALISTS IN COPENHAGEN ON JULY 16 THAT THE COMMISSION "WOULD NOT BEG FOR A SEAT IN THE AISLE."

2. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN INFORMED BY PERM REP SOURCES THAT THE MINISTERS ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN BRUSSELS MONDAY AFTERNOON AT ABOUT 3:30 AND THAT THE BEGINNING OF THEIR COUNCIL MEETING IS LIKELY TO BE DELAYED WHILE ONE OR MORE MINISTERS MEET WITH THE PRESS TO EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED AT COPENHAGEN. NO FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT IS EXPECTED WITHIN THE COUNCIL FRAMEWORK OF ANY DECISION BY THE MINISTERS ON THE "QUESTIONNAIRE" WHICH WAS PREPARED BY THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE, ALTHOUGH THE POSSIBILITY OF SOME FORM OF STATEMENT CANNOT BE EXCLUDED.
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